GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in execution of MGNREGS works in Atreyapuram Mandal of erstwhile East Godavari District" taken up by the Panchayat Raj Engineering Personnel of East Godavari District - Disciplinary proceedings against **Sri P.L.C.K. Prasad,** the then Assistant Engineer, PRI Special Section, Kothapeta and presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Seethanagaram Mandal, East Godavari District (erstwhile) under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charge - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 792

Dated:16.11.2023.
Read the following

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against **Sri P.L.C.K. Prasad,** the then Assistant Engineer, PRI Special Section, Kothapeta and presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Seethanagaram Mandal, East Godavari District(erstwhile) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. **Sri P.L.C.K. Prasad,** the then Assistant Engineer, PRI Special Section, Kothapeta and presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Seethanagaram Mandal, East Godavari District(erstwhile) is directed to submit a Written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. **Sri P.L.C.K. Prasad,** the then Assistant Engineer, PRI Special section, Kothapeta and presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Seethanagaram Mandal, East Godavari District(erstwhile), is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He, should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. **Sri P.L.C.K. Prasad,** the then Assistant Engineer, PRI Special section, Kothapeta and presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Seethanagaram Mandal, East Godavari District(erstwhile), is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

(P.T.O)

6. Attention of **Sri P.L.C.K. Prasad,** the then Assistant Engineer, PRI Special section, Kothapeta and presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Seethanagaram Mandal, East Godavari District(erstwhile) is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMET

To
Sri P.L.C.K. Prasad, the then Assistant Engineer, PRI Special section, Kothapeta and presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Seethanagaram Mandal, East Godavari District(erstwhile)**through** Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the charges on the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.)
Copy to:
The Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to VC, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P., Velagapudi
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
SF/SC.

//FOREARDED::BY::ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.L.C.K.PRASAD, FORMERLY ASSISTANT ENGINEER, PRI SPECIAL SECTION, KOTHAPETA AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS MANDAL ENGINEERING OFFICER, MPP, SEETHANAGARAM MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DIST. (ERSTWHILE)

CHARGE:

That Sri P.L.C.K.Prasad, while working as Assistant Engineer, PRI Special Section, Kothapeta (presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Seethanagaram Mandal, East Godavari Dist.(erstwhile)) has executed and recorded inferior quality of the following works 1,2 & 3 thereby misusing the Government funds and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

Work No.1: Providing Under Ground Drain (UGD) from Karnamgari field to Panchayat Officer (Bit-I) at Kattunga (V) in Atreyapuram (M) (ID No.04706431009080025).

Work No.2: Providing Under Ground Drain from Karnamgari field to Panchayat Officer (Bit-II) at Kattunga (V) in Atreyapuram (M) (ID No.047064310009080023).

Work No.3: Providing Internal CC road & CC drain from Sri Kattunga Gangayya's house to GP Officer building at Kattunga (V)in Atreyapuram(M) IDNo.047064310009080022)

By his above mentioned act, Sri P.L.C.K.Prasad, while working as Assistant Engineer, PRI Special Section, Kothapeta (presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Seethanagaram Mandal, East Godavari Dist.(erstwhile)) has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964. Hence, the Charge.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.L.C.K.PRASAD, FORMERLY A.E., PRI SPECIAL SECTION, KOTHAPETA AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS MANDAL ENGINEERING OFFICER, MPP, SEETHANAGARAM MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DIST.(ERSTWHILE)

BASIS:

In the Vigilance Report No.50(311//V&E/Engg/2018-1), dt.06.12.2022, the Director General, G.A.(V&E) Dept. has informed that the Vigilance and Enforcement Department Officials enquired into the allegations of irregularities in execution of CC roads & drains in Atreyapuram (M) of erstwhile East Godavari District under MGNREGS taken up by Panchayat Raj Engineering Department and reported as follows:-

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Work No.1: Providing Under Ground Drain (UGD) from Karnamgari field to Panchayat Officer (Bit-I) at Kattunga(V) in Atreyapuram(M)(ID No.04706431009080025).

At the time of V&E inspection, the work of CC drain walls were completed and recorded in M.Book. Payment was made for bed concrete and drain walls for a length of 220 meters out of 285 meters proposed i.e. from KM 0/045 to KM 0/265 by the time of V&E inspection. As of now, 2nd & part bill payment was made to the agency for an amount of Rs.15,01,986/- vide MB No.129/A/2016-17 duly deducting VAT and seigniorage charges, etc, as per norms in vogue. Final bill is yet to be made. It was noticed that the part bill payment was made without check measurement by the concerned Executive Engineer although the Executive Engineer had to check measure the work as per clause 6(vi) of Govt. Memo No.42243/ Estt.I (1)/99-2, PR&RD(PROGS)Dept., dt. 09.02.2000.

The physical measurements of CC drains were verified and found to have tallied with the recorded measurement in M.Book. As per clause 17.4.3 of IS 456:2000, concrete in the member represented by a core test shall be considered acceptable if the average equivalent cube strength of the cores is equal to at least 85 percent of the cube strength of the grade of concrete specified for the corresponding age and no individual core has a strength less than 75 percent.

Sl. No.	Grade of concrete	Permissible equivalent cube compressive strength limits	
		Individual strength (N/mm^2)	Average strength (N/mm^2)
1	M15	11.25	12.75
2	M20	15.00	17.00

Concrete cores were extracted from hardened concrete components of drain work by engaging 3rd party agency viz. M/s.KDM Engineers (India) Private Ltd., NABL accredited Laboratory, Visakhapatnam and tested in the presence of concerned field Officers.

Core No.	Location of the core extracted	Grade of concrete	Compressive strength in N/mm^2		Remarks
			Achieved	Required	
	L/S Drain wall				
1	L/s wall @ KM 0/050, 0.30m from top	M15	3.5	11.25	Failed
3	L/s wall @ KM 0/165 on top of wall	M15	9.0	11.25	Failed
5	L/s wall @ KM 0/200, 0.32m from top	M15	6.4	11.25	Failed
	Average		6.30	12.75	Failed
	R/S Drain wall				

2	R/s wall @ KM 0/090, 0.45m from top	M15	9.4	11.25	Failed
4	R/s wall @ KM 0/190, 0.30 m from top	M15	7.9	11.25	Failed
5	R/s wall @ KM 0/210, 0.38m from top	M15	7.3	11.25	Failed
	Average		8.20	12.75	**Failed**

The above test results revealed that the concrete cores extracted from the C.C. drains failed to achieve required compressive strength of the specified M15 grade concrete as per IS 456:2000. The L/s drain wall and R/s drain walls were found to be liable for rejection. Hence, the rejected components should be reconstructed at the cost and risk of the agency or an amount of Rs.10,13,883/- is proposed to be recovered from the agency.

Work No.2: Providing Under Ground Drain from Karnamgari field to Panchayat officer (Bit-II) at Kattunga (V) in Atreyapuram (M) (ID No.047064310009080023).

At the time of V&E inspection, the work of CC drain walls for a length of 180 metres of 280 metres was completed. Payment was also made for an amount of Rs.9,38,631/-. The construction work of balance drain wall was in progress. As of now, the work was completed and 2nd & part bill payment was made to the agency for an amount of Rs.13,97,681/- vide M.Book No.271/B/2016-17 duly deducting VAT and siegnorage charges etc, as per norms in vogue. Final bill is yet to be made. It was noticed that the part bill payment was made without check measurement by the concerned Executive Engineer although the Executive Engineer had to check measure the work as per clause 6(vi) of Govt. Memo No.42243 /Estt.I (1) /99-2, PR&RD(PROGS)Dept., dt. 09.02.2000.

The physical measurements of CC drains were verified and found to have tallied with the recorded measurement in M.Book.

Concrete cores were extracted from hardened concrete components of drain work by engaging 3rd party agency viz. M/s KDM Engineers (India) Private Ltd., NABL accredited Laboratory, Visakhapatnam and tested in the presence of concerned field Officers.

Core No.	Location of the core extracted	Grade of concrete	Compressive strength in N/mm^2		Remarks
			Achieved	Required	
	L/S Drain wall				
7	L/s wall @ KM 0/010, 0.37m from top	M15	6.6	11.25	Failed
10	L/s wall @ KM 0/075, 0.30m from top	M15	2.3	11.25	Failed
13	L/s wall @ KM 0/160, 0.38m from top	M15	6.0	11.25	Failed
	Average		4.97	12.75	Failed
	R/S Drain wall				
9	R/s wall @ KM 0/020, 0.36m from top	M15	11.8	11.25	Satisfactory
12	R/s wall @ KM 0/130, 0.34m from top	M15	2.0	11.25	Failed

14	R/s wall @ KM 0/170, 0.38m from top	M15	10.0	11.25	Failed
	Average		7.93	12.75	Failed
	Bed concrete				
8	Bed @ KM 0/014.5	M 15	8.2	11.25	Failed
11	Bed @ KM 0/080	M 15	7.9	11.25	Failed
15	Bed @ KM 0/105	M 15	7.5	11.25	Failed
	Average		7.87	12.75	Failed

The above test results revealed that the concrete cores extracted from the L/s drain wall & R/s drain wall and bed concrete failed to achieve required compressive strength of the specified M15 grade concrete as per IS 456:2000. The L/s drain wall and R/s drain wall and bed concrete were found to be liable for rejection. Hence, the rejected components should be re-laid at the cost and risk of the agency or an amount of Rs.9,26,040/- is proposed to be recovered from the agency.

Work No.3: Providing Internal CC road & CC drain from Sri Kattunga Gangayya's house to GP officer building at Kattunga(V) in Atreyapuram(M) (IDNo.047064310009080022) The total length of CC drain 160.80 metres were constructed in 6 streches of 32.20 metres, 18.1 metres, 25.00 metres, 30.90 metres, 22.00 metres and 32.60 metres. The V&E Officials inspected randomly the stretches from 3 to 6 which were completed. It was found that the measurements were recorded in M.Book but bills were not yet paid as on the date of inspection. As of now, the work was completed and 1st & part bill payment was made to the agency for an amount of Rs.4,19,019/- vide M.Book No.298/A/2017-18 duly deducting VAT and siegnorage charges etc, as per norms in vogue. Final bill is yet to be made.

The physical measurements were verified and found to have tallied with the recorded measurement in M.Book. Concrete cores were extracted from hardened concrete components of three drain works and one CC road by engaging 3rd party agency viz. M/s.KDM Engineers (India) Private Ltd., NABL accredited Laboratory, Visakhapatnam and tested in the presence of concerned field Officers.

The test results were as follows:

Core No.	Location of the core extracted	Grade of concrete	Compressive strength in N/mm^2		Remarks
			Achieved	Required	
	L/S Drain wall				
16	(6^{th} bit) L/s wall @ KM 0/018.7, 0.30m from top	M15	8.1	11.25	Failed
18	(5^{th} bit) L/s wall @ KM 0/004.5 on top	M15	5.5	11.25	Failed
20	(3^{rd} bit) L/s wall @ KM 0/020, 0.32 on top	M15	8.7	11.25	Failed
	Average		7.43	12.75	Failed
	R/S Drain wall				
17	(6^{th} bit) R/s wall @ KM 0/025.6 on top	M15	8.4	11.25	Failed
19	(5^{th} bit) R/s wall @ KM 0/004.5 on top	M15	8.8	11.25	Failed

	KM 0/004.5 on top				
21	(4^{th} bit) R/s wall @ KM 0/017 on top	M15	9.1	11.25	Failed
	Average		8.77	12.75	Failed

The above test results revealed that the concrete cores extracted from the L/s drain wall & R/s drain wall were found to be liable for rejection.

Hence, the rejected components should be re-laid at the cost and risk of the agency or an amount of Rs.2,63,900/- is proposed to be recovered from the agency.

The V&E Dept. has not accepted the version of the Officers and concluded the allegations that the drain works taken up under SC & ST plan were executed with substandard quality and without mixing the ingredients of concrete in specified proportions in the villages of Athreyapuram (M) and without proper supervision of departmental Officers was substantiated as explained above

Thus, Sri P.L.C.K.Prasad, while working as Assistant Engineer, PRI Special Section, Kothapeta and (presently working as MEO, MPP, Seethanagaram Mandal, East Godavari Dist.(erstwhile)) has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 and failed to follow the departmental procedure and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.L.C.K.PRASAD, FORMERLY, ASSISTANT ENGINEER, PRI SPECIAL SECTION, KOTHAPETA AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS MANDAL ENGINEERING OFFICER, MPP, SEETHANAGARAM MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DIST. ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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Vigilance Report No.50(311/V&E/Engg./2018-1), dt.06.12.2022 of the Director-General, Genl.Admn. (Vigilance and Enforcement) Dept.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.L.C.K.PRASAD, FORMERLY ASSISTANT ENGINEER, PRI SPECIAL SECTION, KOTHAPETA AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS MEO, MPP, SEETHANAGARAM MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DIST. ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

- NIL –

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